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Mr. William B. Lippard
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Dear Mr. Lippard:

Thank you very much for your letter of 13 April concerning the talk that Mr. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick made at the Annual Convention of the Associated Church Press on 7 April.

I am highly pleased to receive your generous comments about his presentation and appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me as you did. I might add that it was a pleasure to have him represent the Agency at your dinner session and your letter has been brought to his attention.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ALLEN W. DULLES

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Director

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Director Allen W. Dulles
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Dear Mr. Dulles:

In behalf of more than 115 editors of our member publications who attended last week's Annual Convention of the Associated Church Press in Washington, I write to convey to you our deep and sincere appreciation of your courtesy in making available to our program at our Thursday evening dinner session, the presence of your Inspector General Lyman B. Kirkpatrick. He gave us a really masterly and highly stimulating address on "Central Intelligence and the National Security". I can assure you that all of us acquired through his presentation an understanding of the problems faced by your Central Intelligence Agency and its truly invaluable services which we had never had before. And I am also delighted to say that seldom have we listened to a man with such amazing command of the English language, such superb rhetoric and diction, and such facility in expression. It was noticeable that he had no notes before him, and thus he proved himself to be a masterly extemporaneous speaker, both in his formal presentation and in the clarity with which he answered the numerous questions that the subject prompted in his listeners. So he gave us a truly memorable evening and an experience that we shall long remember. Accordingly, I convey to you our hearty thanks for the privilege of having listened to Mr. Kirkpatrick. Indeed I can assure you personally that in my judgment you will never make a mistake if you assign him to speak to any audience from whom you might receive an invitation.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Lippard

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